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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPING IN SAN PEDRO SULA

1. SIXTEEN YEAR OLD EDUARDO KAFFATI WAS KIDNAPPED ON EVENING OF JANUARY 30. HIS FATHER, CAMILO KAFFATI, IS A WEALTHY BUSINESSMAN IN SAN PEDRO SULA. A LETTER DEMANDING \$150,000 RANSOM WAS FOUND WHICH DECLARED THAT THE KIDNAPPING WAS THE WORK OF THE "NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT."

2. ACCORDING TO NEWSPAPER REPORTS KAFFATI WAS TAKEN TO NATIVE HUT WHERE HE WAS TURNED OVER TO A CAMPESINO FOR SAFEGUARDING. HE WAS ABLE TO CONVINCE HIS GUARDIAN TO LET HIM GO AND WAS ABLE TO RETURN TO THE SAN PEDRO SULA AREA. THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL INVESTIGATION (DIN) THEREAFTER ANNOUNCED THE CAPTURE OF THE THREE KIDNAPPERS: OSCAR LINEO CHEVEZ MEJIA, OSCAR MANUEL CHEVEZ CASTRO AND ANTONIO MEJIA.

3. ALTHOUGH OSCAR LINEO CHEVEZ MEJIA HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED
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WITH THE HONDURAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PCH), THERE APPEARS TO

BE NO POLITICAL MOTIVATION INVOLVED IN THE KIDNAPPING.
APPARENTLY IT WAS NOTHING MORE THAN A CRIMINAL ATTEMPT TO
EXTORT A LARGE SUM OF MONEY FROM A LOCAL BUSINESSMAN.
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